

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 242

March 6, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes employees of public higher education institutions to carry their firearm on campus. Such employees shall: be valid handgun permit holders; receive any training required by the public higher education institution where they are employed; perform duties in a building where no campus police officer or public safety officer is stationed; and possess the handgun at the employing institution while performing duties within the scope of their employment. Authorizes a public higher education institution to prohibit handguns on campus. Requires any prohibitions to be effective for the entire campus, and requires any such prohibiting institution to provide notice to all faculty and staff. Declares that any public higher education institution that prohibits firearms on campus will be civilly liable in the event of damage, personal injury, or death that results from a criminal act by any person not authorized to be in a building, on campus, or on the grounds owned by any such institution.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**To the extent a criminal act occurs where firearms have been prohibited by a public higher education institution, the prohibiting institution may be held liable in civil court, causing state expenditures to increase by an unknown amount. Otherwise, the fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to be not significant.**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, there will not be a significant increase in the number of firearm carry permits issued as a result of this bill. Any increase in state revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- To the extent a public higher education institution is held liable in civil court for criminal actions committed inside or on any property owned by the institution, state expenditures will increase for legal fees and any awards granted in civil courts. The extent of such expenditures cannot be quantified for they are dependent on multiple unknown factors.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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